

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Please note that copies of Foreign Patent Documents listed in IDS filed on May 1, 2006, had been filed on January 16, 2009.

In the Specification, the paragraph [0011] has been amended to correct minor errors introduced in translation into English of the application as originally filed; no new matter has been introduced.

Claims 2-12 are pending in this application.

Claim 1 had been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, subject matter requirement, under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over White (6,023,488). Claim 1 has been canceled.

New Claims 2-12 have been added to alternatively define the invention.

Applicants believe that new Claims 2-12 comprise elements neither taught nor suggested in White, and that new Claims 2-12 are novel and non-obvious over White.

It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited in this case. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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